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## **from Chappa Challa**

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The South Shore Mosquito Control Project Back Hoe fitted in well with the hustle of Chappa Challa this past week. Richie Pou'e and Don Connors planned our renewal of the marshland, and many helping hands (plus the 'Big Cat') have changed the looks of things out back.

The looks of things have changed around the kitchen area too. After two weeks of cooking outdoors, we have moved into a fine place to prepare our food. The average number of people for meals is about 19. The donated stove, two refrigerators, two sinks, plus dishwasher (which we can't use until the electric company does its thing) have made meal preparation much easier. We had to purchase a hot water heater and vinyl floor covering.

Meals have been good. Many generous people in the community have donated turkeys, hams, roasts, chicken, plus a great variety of canned foods. Milk, meat and fruit are still our biggest needs. Many fresh vegetables have come from the early planted gardens around town, and we hope to have tomatoes, radishes, and lettuce from our own in about a week. It was late before we came to Chappa Challa, so our garden had a late start. In the neighborhood on

Powder Point are some very fine gardens which make us very envious, so we're not planning an open house for the Garden Club this year.

The Rotary Club of Duxbury has come to our rescue and supplied a washing machine. Today our three clotheslines were filled with gay red shirts, patched dungarees, pretty hot pants, and a black clerical shirt, to mention only a few points of contrast in our four loads of laundry.

In all the living together, and sharing, we find Chappa Challa making great progress. We who make up this beautiful little community feel deep appreciation for all that has been done for us.